

BOARD OF BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Hearing Date: December 10, 2007

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Cosmetology Curriculum

Section Affected: CCR 950.2

Specific Purpose

The Board is revising the cosmetology curriculum to ensure that cosmetology students are adequately trained and equipped while in school.

Factual Basis/Rationale

The beauty industry is one that is constantly evolving. With new trends surfacing regularly, it is imperative that the Board ensures cosmetology students are being educated to safely and competently operate as licensees.

As the beauty industry continues to change, the cosmetology curriculum taught in schools should reflect those changes. With this in mind, school instructors should be given some flexibility in determining the number of hours certain subjects are taught in schools.

The current cosmetology curriculum is inflexible, restricting students from being current on beauty trends and safety issues. Licensees lacking the necessary training on popular trends and practices put consumers receiving beauty services at risk of getting injured.

Therefore, the Board is proposing to amend the cosmetology curriculum. The proposed language modifies the curriculum structure, still requiring specific subjects to be taught while allowing instructors to focus their lecture/curriculum accordingly. Additionally, the Board is proposing to increase the hour requirements for health and safety, listing additional subjects to be taught.

Underlying Data

1. June 26, 2006 Board meeting minutes
2. January 22, 2007 Board meeting minutes

Business Impact

The Board has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Specific Technologies or Equipment

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

Consideration of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative to the regulation would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.

The Board did consider various alternatives to the proposed action, including but not limited to making no changes. The Board believes that the recommended changes provide the best opportunity for students to become safe, knowledgeable licensees.